

REMARKS

This application has been amended so as to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

The present amendment supplements the amendment after final rejection filed August 8, 2005. The present amendment cancels claim 3, the contents of which have been incorporated into claim 1.

The phase contrast X-ray device as now claimed includes the features: 1) an X-ray source with a line-shaped focus; and 2) an arrangement such that a longitudinal extension of the line-shaped focus is aligned in the direction towards the object. As addressed in detail in the amendment after final rejection, the applied reference specifically teaches the desirability of a point source X-ray. This is entirely contrary to the disclosure of the present invention, as now explicitly incorporated into independent claim 1.

If the next Official Action rejects claim 1 over the Wilkins et al. article, applicant respectfully requests that such rejection include a detailed explanation of how the features of this and each other rejected claim can be found in the reference. The Official Actions that are of record thus far have lacked a level of detail sufficient for applicant to prepare a full response.

In light of the amendments provided above and the arguments offered in support thereof, applicant believes that the present

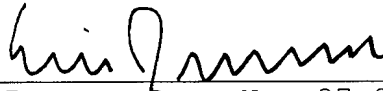
application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or requires further clarification of any of the above points, the Examiner may contact the undersigned attorney so that this application may continue to be expeditiously advanced.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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